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Overview

The Southern Command currently has 2 sworn vacancies. The Southern Command is waiting the start of the newest DPS academy class. That new academy class is comprised of new hire employees who will continue to minimize our vacancy rate.

Southern Command personnel handled 1119 crashes as compared to 976 crashes in February of 2005. This was an increase of 14.7%. Crashes that resulted in fatalities increased by four, as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 10 fatal crashes in February 2006 and 6 fatal crashes in February 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 6% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 53 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were no fatalities; 9 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 44 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.7% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,056 crash reports and 413 arrest reports during February 2006. This resulted in 6,206 crash reports being mailed out, 6.5% more than last year. There were 1200 visitors to the front office that required services which was an increase of 105.5 % when compared February 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 23,283 CAD incidents and 29,325 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 26.9% in February 2006, as compared to February 2005. Total DUI arrests were up 46.5% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were up 54% as compared to February 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up nearly 16% over February 2005. The Commercial Operations Section showed increases in total safety inspections, total safety violations citation, as well as out of service vehicles and drivers that were removed from the roads as compared to February 2005.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties admirably, and continue to benefit from a much needed increase in manpower. This manpower increase continues to positively affect the overall enforcement numbers due to the number of new troopers who have completed the field training program. The 23,283 incidents/contacts with the public in February can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes. These contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	February 2006	February 2005	% Change	January 2006	% Change
Total crashes	1119	976	14.7%	1142	-2.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	836	735	13.7%	853	-2.0%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	273	235	16.2%	278	-1.8%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	10	6	66.7%	11	-9.1%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	57	37	54.1%	52	9.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	10	7	42.9%	11	-9.1%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3	4	-25.0%	8	-62.5%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	3	1	200.0%	0	300.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	1	100.0%	2	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	53	50	6.0%	80	-33.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	44	40	10.0%	66	-33.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	9	0.0%	13	-30.8%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.9 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.1 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.7 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 22.2 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 11.9 % from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes increased 8.6 % from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	February 2006	February 2005	% Change	January 2006	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	57	37	54.1%	52	9.6%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	192	133	44.4%	239	-19.7%
Other arrests	1008	796	26.6%	1292	-22.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	445	358	24.3%	544	-18.2%
Speed violations	2676	1846	45.0%	3726	-28.2%
Hazardous moving violations	1937	1684	15.0%	2104	-7.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	466	402	15.9%	681	-31.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	8966	7066	26.9%	11557	-22.4%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	53	71	-25.4%	35	51.4%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	89	44	102.3%	88	1.1%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	510	466	9.4%	599	-14.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	11	n/a		N/A	
Total safety violations -- citation	194	120	61.7%	266	-27.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1010	1058	-4.5%	1401	-27.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	67	33	103.0%	93	-28.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	48	32	50.0%	44	9.1%
Total school buses inspected	268	334	-19.8%	306	-12.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	55	78	-29.5%	46	19.6%
Total trucks weighed	1075	197	445.7%	913	17.7%
Total overweight citations	41	10	310.0%	43	-4.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	507	399	27.1%	550	-7.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	3	0	300.0%	0	300.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	2	10	5
Safety Violations Citation	4	16	1
Safety Violations Repair Order	4	55	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1	2	1
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	1	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	1	0

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.157 %
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years
- ★ 0.0 % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ★ 6.0 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is up 30.0 % from last year and down -0.4 % from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 16.7 % from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 45.7 % from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	February 2006		February 2005	% Change		January 2006	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Trans. From Consoles	125,990		N/A	N/A		150,626	-16.4%
Radio Trans & Receptions	555,703		N/A	N/A		548,202	1.4%
CAD Incidents	23,283		23,260	0.1%		27,673	-15.9%
Telephone Calls	29,325		34,297	-14.5%		33,400	-12.2%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	81		104	22.1%		107	-24.3%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,056		1,019	3.6%		1245	-15.2%
Arrest Reports Processed	413		614	-32.7%		601	-31.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	4		9	-55.6%		10	-60.0%
Vehicle Impound Releases	110		135	24.4%		214	48.6%
Visitors at Counter	1,200		584	105.5%		1027	16.8%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6,206		5,825	6.5%		6,281	-1.2%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	1347		324	198.0 %		177	661.0 %
Warrants Entered	139		337	-61.0 %		118	17.8 %
Warrants Cleared	453		184	181.4 %		376	20.5 %
Warrants Validated	351		2,324	-78.5 %		3,249	-89.2 %
Extradition / Transports	11		6	83.3 %		10	10.0 %
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	97		92	5.4 %		114	-14.9 %
New Items Submitted	161		192	-16.1 %		173	-6.9 %
Items Disposed	115		39	194.9 %		8	-1337.5 %

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CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 9 Contracts requiring 1,404.75 work hours, billing \$ 90,970.47.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 93.8 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 6.2 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigations responsible for .8 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshall responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- ✱ 5 Speed Enforcement missions were flown
- ✱ 1 prisoner transport.

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ 1 from the public to sworn
- ✱ 45 from the command to sworn
- ✱ 2 from public organization

PUBLIC INFORMATION**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

HEAT PROGRAM:

The HEAT program had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and the HEAT truck to take several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety.

Public Requests for Information: 180

11 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints
161 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

Press releases: 14

9 were Fatal related

"The Gate of Change is Locked on the INSIDE."

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